

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

From: Albright, David
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Subject: FW: Aquifer Exemption Approvals

Hi Michele,

Here is the email message I mentioned yesterday from D4 staff. I am comfortable with you calling him and answering his questions. Let me know if you want to discuss with me first.

Thanks,

David

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Good morning David,

I recently received a copy of the checklist used for the ALON Refinery aquifer exemption in the Fruitvale Oil Field. After review, I had a few questions regarding the EPA's method of review for aquifer exemptions. Does the EPA treat the completeness check as an equivalent to the requirements (CFR 146.4)? I've noticed this checklist is much more comprehensive than the EPA regulations. I am working on aquifer exemptions within Central California which we plan to submit to the EPA and it would be difficult for us to meet every requirement on that checklist.

Can you fill me in on how the approval process works within the EPA? I would like our submissions to be as efficient as possible.

Thank you in advance,

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